



## Highlights

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- Lots may be submitted for auction only by current financial members of CDAS, by the club itself or by members of affiliated aquarium societies.
- Sellers please read **Sellers – what happens next?** section.
- Seller spreadsheets must be submitted via email no later than the 18<sup>th</sup> April, late submissions will be ignored.
- Labelling of lots is the sellers' responsibility, CDAS will provide the labels electronically to be printed by the seller shortly after their spreadsheet has been submitted.
- Sellers are advised that no more than five lots of the same species or item may be registered per allotment
- On the day you must register and have an auction bidding card to participate in the auction.
- The committee reserves the right to refuse ANY auction lot.
- Persons under 16 years may not bid on animals (fish or invertebrates) at the auction unless under the supervision of a person over 16 years. *Please refer to ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013*
- Lots that do not pass scrutineering will be politely turned away for remedy. This includes incorrectly bagged livestock, please see the **How-to bag livestock** section.
- A 10% commission applies to all selling members (sponsors excluded), and will be deducted from monies owed to the seller before payout.
- It is forbidden for anyone to inspect boxes or lots in the holding area without the express permission and supervision of a CDAS Inc. scrutineer.
- Bidding increments will be \$1 from \$10 to \$20 and \$2 increments from \$20 to \$50. \$5 increments apply when the item reaches \$50 and \$10 increments apply after reaching \$100. Otherwise increments are at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- Purchases must be paid for on the fall of the hammer with the club treasurer (or delegate). The lot is to be picked up at the time of payment – immediately.
- Passed in lots must be picked up by the seller at the end of the auction.
- Sellers' payments are made only after the auction is officially closed (unless otherwise arranged). CDAS Inc. will do its utmost to make payment on the day however reserves the right to pay out at the next normal meeting.
- CDAS Inc. offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a CDAS Inc. auction.

**Caution: CDAS has provided these highlights as the key terms & conditions that we wish to draw your attention to. Please take the time to read the full terms & conditions that follow and be aware that they will be enforced.**



## Sellers – what happens next?

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You will have received an attached spreadsheet with this document. Please fill in the auction form (spreadsheet) and submit it no later than Monday 18th April. Shortly after you submit we will provide you with your and auction allocation statement and lot labels via email.

If you require assistance with this process, please email us at [canberradas@gmail.com](mailto:canberradas@gmail.com).

Auction lot labels should be stuck to your lots as per these instructions:

- Lot labels can only be attached to lots matching the item on the auction allocation statement i.e. lot 123 on the auction allocation statement needs to be the same as lot 123 on the lot labels. Lots will be turned away for remedy if this is not the case.
- You can print your lot labels on appropriately sized sticky labels or plain paper.
- Labels must be stuck on the top 1/3rd of the bag (or item) and in a manner that does not fold, scrunch or otherwise obscure the label.
- All labels must be covered in clear plastic tape (2 inch+ wide) in order to provide sufficient protection from water.
- Labels must be legible, if you are unsure feel free to trace over the printed text in a dark coloured permanent felt tipped pen prior to covering with tape.

## How-to bag livestock

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### Tips

Please take the time to ensure that the health and condition of the fish are satisfactory for sale i.e. they are disease and deformity free. CDAS will not accept lots in this condition, and may refuse your entire allotment.

Please bag and label your fish properly. It is in your best interest to present fish in good condition for the auction as that will enhance bidding. Buyers have the right to expect that any fish they buy will be in good condition.

We recommend you label all your bags before you get to the auction and label the box they are in as well. This will minimise the chance of bags becoming separated and not being identified as yours.

Use proper fish bags (clear bags only, no coloured or printed bags) and double elastic bands when bagging your fish.

Under no circumstances should zip lock bags be used for holding livestock as they are unreliable for holding water and air under pressure. However, they may be used for plants with minimal water in the bag.

Always bag medium-to-large fish in separate bags. When deciding on how many fish to put together in one bag, consider whether or not they all appear to have enough room (i.e. if the bag were



accidentally bumped, would any fish collide with each other?) Fish that are naturally aggressive by nature should be bagged separately (i.e. each aggressive fish gets its own bag!)

For any unusually large fish, avoid using fish bags and instead choose a suitably-sized plastic container (bucket or tub) with lid to be sold along with the fish. The lid should seal properly but be easily removable in order to properly show the fish. CDAS will accept large fish in containers – but ONLY where it is absolutely necessary for the comfort and health of the fish. If in doubt, check first and bring along some big bags just in case.

When transporting your fish to or from the auction, use a foam container or cooler box (e.g. esky) to keep the air around the bags steady at room temperature and avoid exposing the bags to strong light.

If you would like your box back at the end of the auction, please mark it (and the lid) with your name and CDAS number

Following this guide will enable the best results for everyone – including the fish.

## Bagging

1. Avoid feeding your fish for 36-48 hours prior to bagging. This generally reduces the amount of waste that will accumulate in the bag. It helps to reduce ammonia levels in the bag
2. Square bottomed or rounded corner bags are best. They prevent fish being trapped and killed in the corners. If you only have standard bags there is a quick fix. Turn the bag upside-down, and then double-bag for safety. No more corners! Bags with corners can also be taped (use clear sticky tape).
3. Remove the water needed from the tank the fish currently resides in before you start to catch fish as it will minimise stirred up unwanted waste entering the bag.
4. In the bag allow for a ratio of approximately 75% air / 25% clean tank water for maximum oxygen levels to keep your fish comfortable. The water should cover your fish while the bag is on its side. Keep in mind oxygen is more important than water.
5. At this point you could optionally add a small amount of a conditioner (such as Prime by Seachem or de-stressor) to the water.
6. If your fish will stress without cover, consider adding a SMALL piece of plant (Java Moss or a stem plant) to the bag.
7. Use fresh air in your bag - avoid 'blowing' air directly into it. Simply open the bag as wide as possible and then quickly snap your hand around the top to seal in a good supply of fresh air. (An air pump could assist.)
8. Use elastics to close the bag, and secure well. The bag should be taught like a balloon.
9. Double-bag your fish if they have sharp fins, teeth or bristles (i.e. anything 'pokey'). medium-to-larger-sized cichlids, catfish, sucker fishes / plecos are all common suspects!
10. Ensure your bag is labelled correctly as per directions

## Multi bagged lots

If more than one fish bag is to be sold in a single lot, label each lot using the same label for that lot number and add a marking for each bag as being, e.g. "1 of 3", "2 of 3", "3 of 3." Be sure to use tape,



or use a larger bag to keep all bags within each lot together as one unit so that the individual bags don't become separated, or get confused with other lots nearby.

## **Improving your lot's appeal**

The auctioneer's task is to get "the best fair" price for each lot on the day. How you present your lot bags can help that process.

When pre-registering a special or rare lot it may be advantageous for you to submit an image that best represents your fish. This should be submitted with your spreadsheet. The image will be displayed with your lot during the auction on the projector screens.

Start spruiking, notify members and other potential attendees of the lots you intend to bring to the auction – this is could easily be done on one of the club-managed Facebook pages. If you haven't used these sites before, ask a committee member for help.



# CDAS Mega Auction Terms & Conditions

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## General Auction Rules

1. Lots may be submitted for auction only by current financial members of CDAS, by the club itself or by members of affiliated aquarium societies.
2. Only people bidding with CDAS Mega Auction Cards will have their bids accepted. Regular, sponsor, commercial members and affiliated aquarium societies will receive an Auction Card for free on proof of membership. Others will have to purchase an Auction Card (\$10 fee, includes door entry).
3. Persons under 16 years cannot bid on animals (fish or invertebrates) at the auction unless under the supervision of a person over 16 years. *Please refer to ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013*
4. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Both sellers and buyers are responsible for the welfare of animals when in their care, including at the auction, while being transported and at their ultimate destination.
5. Auction lots are only to include aquarium fish, aquatic invertebrates, aquarium plants or aquarium related products.
6. All dry goods, equipment etc. are purchased as is and are non-refundable or returnable for any reason
7. CDAS retains a 10% commission on the final sale price (sponsors excluded) of all lots submitted by unless the sale is part of the CDAS Species Conservation Project when the commission may be waived on the advice of the CDAS Breeders Award Chairperson.
8. Bidding increments will be \$1 from \$10 to \$20 and \$2 increments from \$20 to \$50. \$5 increments apply when the item reaches \$50 and \$10 increments apply after reaching \$100. Otherwise increments are at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
9. After the hammer falls, the sale is final and must be paid for and collected by the buyer immediately.
10. CDAS Inc. scrutineers review all lots submitted for auction and take all reasonable care to ensure that livestock and plants are healthy and otherwise suitable for sale as aquarium stock. It is the seller's responsibility to accurately identify and label all lots and the buyer's responsibility to confirm what they are bidding on and to safely store, transport, properly acclimatise and house their purchases.
11. Lots that do not pass scrutineering will be politely turned away for remedy.
12. The auctioneer will describe each lot on offer, including the species (according to the seller's label), the size, number and, if possible, the sex of the livestock. This description is offered as a guide only and interested buyers should ensure that they can see the lot and make their own judgments before bidding. Photographs shown of species being auctioned are for illustration and information purposes only and are not of the actual fish being auctioned (unless otherwise stated).
13. It is forbidden for anyone to inspect boxes or lots in the holding area without the express permission and supervision of a CDAS Inc. scrutineer.
14. Any losses of fish, invertebrates or plants after their registration but prior to sale are to be borne by the seller. Losses after sale are borne by the buyer.



15. CDAS Inc. offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a CDAS Inc. auction.
16. CDAS cannot offer security on items, including auction lots, left in the holding area or elsewhere in the auction premises. Any losses are the responsibility of the owner of the item at the time of the loss.
17. As a matter of policy, CDAS Inc. does not accept for auction or otherwise condone the production and trade of the following:
  - Fish that are the result of crossing different species (hybrids). This includes “Flowerhorn” cichlids, “Orange Blotch” and other hybrid Peacock cichlids and any fish that the scrutineers believe cannot be identified as a true species or a variety bred from a single natural species.
  - Fish that have been bred selectively for genetic deformities such as scoliosis (“balloon” fish) or for characteristics that impair normal swimming and behaviours (such as deformed/reduced tails, buoyancy problems). The only exceptions are goldfish strains that have been in existence for decades or centuries and which breed “true”.
  - Fish or other animals that have been adulterated by being fed or injected with dyes, tattooed or subject to genetic modification for aesthetic enhancement.
  - Fish that have been inbred to the point of exhibiting deformities such as bent spines and swim bladder problems.
18. Sales of livestock, other than through the auction, that may take place on the premises during the auction must also abide by CDAS terms & conditions.
19. Auction of livestock takes priority over dry goods. CDAS Inc. reserves the right to not auction dry goods if there are fish lots remaining to be auctioned and time is running short.
20. Lot registration time and lot numbering will not determine the sequence in which lots are auctioned. CDAS will seek to ensure that lots submitted by any individual are spread across the time available.
21. Everyone attending the auction is requested to keep conversations and other distracting noises (such as mobile phones) to a minimum so as not to interfere with the running of the auction.

## Buyer's Responsibilities

22. You must register and have an auction bidding card to participate in the auction.
23. If you are the successful bidder on a lot, please approach the cashier immediately after the hammer falls, pay and receive your purchase.
24. If you are interested in bidding on an item, please position yourself in the room where you have a clear view of the lot and where the auctioneer can see you. If your bid is missed it is likely because the auctioneer cannot see you.
25. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Please be sure that you can adequately transport, house and care for any livestock you are considering bidding on. Do not bid for “fun” or simply because an item is “a bargain”.
26. Items cannot be resubmitted for auction on the day
27. Do not buy livestock with the intention of setting up a new aquarium “when you get home”. Do not buy livestock as a surprise “gift” for someone else.
28. Bring an appropriate waterproof bag or container with you to hold any purchases until you get home (in case of leaks and to protect the livestock). Don't leave plastic bags of fish



unprotected on the floor or in your car until the end of the auction – and avoid exposure to direct sunlight at all times. A Styrofoam box or a bucket with a lid is recommended.

29. If you are not sure about whether a particular fish or invertebrate is suitable for your aquarium/s, please speak with a CDAS Committee member or club volunteer at the back of the room before bidding.
30. Acclimatise any livestock to your aquarium slowly – floating the bag and exchanging at least a cupful water every ten minutes for 45 minutes – before releasing them into the aquarium.
31. CDAS recommends that all new livestock spend a minimum of two weeks in a quarantine tank.
32. CDAS recommend “dipping” any aquarium plants you purchase in a dilute solution of permanganate of potash (Condies Crystals) and/or a 5% solution of household bleach for 10 minutes. The plants can then be rinsed thoroughly and introduced to your aquarium. This will reduce the possibility of snail, algae and other infestations.
33. If you are not already a member of CDAS, consider attending a regular meeting as a visitor, visiting our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

## Sellers' responsibilities

34. Sellers may not offer for sale, sell or advertise on the premises, any items that violate applicable laws or regulations – including used electrical equipment or organisms prohibited in the Australian Capital Territory (pest plants and animals).
35. Sellers may not offer for sale, sell or advertise on the premises, any livestock that would violate CDAS policies on hybrids, deformed, adulterated or inbred organisms. See paragraph 17.
36. Sellers may not offer for sale, sell or advertise on the premises, any livestock that are known, or likely, to be diseased, infested with parasites or injured. If a lot bag is suspected to be carrying an infectious disease, all of that seller's lots may be refused registration or be withdrawn from the auction by a scrutineer.
37. Seller spreadsheet of lots must be returned to [canberradas@gmail.com](mailto:canberradas@gmail.com) no later than Monday 18th April.
38. All lots must be submitted for registration no later than 11:45 am on the day of the Auction. If a prior arrangement or contact made this rule may be waved and lots accepted up until the first refreshment break.
39. All lots must be adequately and accurately entered into the spreadsheet with your membership number, common/scientific name and number of fish/plants and the reserve price (if any).
40. All items labelled with the same lot number will be auctioned as one lot.
41. Each seller may only submit up the maximum of their entitled allotment.

Membership Type	Number of lots
Regular/Family	15
Sponsor	30
Commercial (subject to committee approval)	20
Committee and volunteer members	20



42. Anyone joining CDAS one month or less before the auction is limited to 15 lots regardless of their membership type.
43. The Auctioneer reserves the right in the event that time is short to compact a seller's lots of same species into one larger lot (e.g. five lots of java moss into one), taking into consideration the total combined reserve when starting to auction lot.
44. Sellers must be present to finalise registration of their lots unless prior arrangement has been made with the CDAS President or Vice-president for someone to act as a proxy.
45. Sellers are advised that no more than five lots of the same species or item may be registered per allotment; and that multiples of similar lots may be combined into fewer lots, at the discretion of the auctioneer, if time is running short.
46. Sellers must accurately describe the condition of any non-livestock items (dry goods, aquariums, equipment). If damaged or no longer working please ensure that you have put additionally label on the item declaring this fact.
47. The seller is responsible for the accuracy of the registration information, including ensuring that each lot is given a proper and separate lot number.
48. Lot labels must be covered in wide clear sticky tape to ensure waterproof ability.
49. A lot containing multiple bags should be tied or "double bagged" together to ensure they do not become separated. The outer bag must be labelled with the lot number.
50. Fish lots that are incorrectly labelled will not be accepted into the auction until remedied (time permitting).
51. Sellers are invited to set a reserve price on each lot submitted. If bidding does not reach the reserve price, at auctioneer's discretion, the reserve may be removed or the lot passed in.
52. At the auctioneer's discretion and if time permits, lots that are passed in may be re-offered later in the auction with the original reserve or with a reduced/no reserve as agreed to by the seller.
53. Lots without a reserve marked on the spreadsheet will be auctioned as if no reserve exists and will be sold to the highest bidder.
54. Once a lot has been accepted at submission it can only be removed at the end of the auction, or at the discretion of the Auctioneer, Vice President or an Auction steward.
55. Lots that are passed in must be collected immediately by the seller at the end of the auction. Failure to collect unsold lots may result in a member being ineligible to submit lots at future CDAS Auctions.
56. CDAS takes no responsibility of remaining lots.
57. Sellers' payments are made only after the auction is officially closed (unless otherwise arranged). CDAS Inc. will do its utmost to make payment on the day however reserves the right to pay out at the next normal meeting.

## Bagging

58. Sellers must ensure that fish and other livestock are bagged in an appropriate size clear plastic bag with adequate water and air space for the number and size of fish in the bags.
  - Water should be clean and free from excessive debris/waste matter.



- Bagging should take account of the fact that the auction is likely to be running for several hours and several further hours may be need for the buyer to rehouse their purchases.
  - Refer to the **How-to bag livestock** section.
59. CDAS will accept large fish in containers – but only where it is absolutely necessary for the comfort and health of the fish. If in doubt, check first and bring along some big bags just in case.
60. The auctioneer or scrutineer’s decision on whether an item is appropriately bagged is final.
61. The sellers of any lots that are not appropriately bagged will be offered the opportunity to re-bag lots at the venue at the time of registration.
62. If re-bagging of fish or lot modification is required, it must be done at the designated rebagging area with bags provided by CDAS for a small fee.

**END OF DOCUMENT**